



Hope Uganda (HUG) supporting Rainbow Hope Centre, Uganda



Charity Number: 1145375

Chairman's Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31st December 2017



Chairman: Mr Roy FIELD

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(Front cover – Image of 2017 Volunteer Group with RHC children in front of the newly painted new Boys Domitory)

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Reference and administrative information

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Charity Number	1146375	November 2011
Registered / Operational address	123, Close Lane Alsager Cheshire ST7 2UN	
Trustees	1. Mr Roy FIELD (Chairman) 2. Miss Vanessa PUGSLEY (Secretary) 3. Mr Andrew REID (Treasurer) 4. Miss Rachel MARTIN (Trustee) 5. Mr Peter HOWARD (Trustee)	
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The trustees present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2017. Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

The trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remained focused on its stated purposes.

The trustees have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims, objectives and activities and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims, objectives that have been set.

Our purpose and aims

Hope Uganda (HUG) objectives, as set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association are,

“...To provide shelter for the less advantaged children in Masaka District and any other areas in Uganda where HUG may expand in the future. To provide equal opportunities and empower the less economically advantaged children to become self-sufficient. To provide educational, vocational and other services for the best interest to the less advantaged children in Masaka district and any other areas in Uganda where HUG may expand in the future”.

In operation since 2011, Hope Uganda (HUG) is continually evolving and in 2015, agreed to remove itself from its funding of a previous orphanage and vocational training centre due to differences and discrepancies in the financial conduct of the previous organisation in the host country.

However the trustees wanted to remain true to our mission and values. As a result we set up and funded a new children's centre in Lukaya, Uganda.

Our mission is to build on the strengths that exist in the centres children, staff and local communities so that our children can thrive and grow up to be empowered citizens.

Our values are grounded in work with our partner organisation Rainbow Hope Centre (Childrens' Centre), building on local strengths and capabilities to address the failures and gaps in existing protection. We aim to be trustworthy and transparent, accountable to the children, our partners, our supporters and our donors.

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Which children do we work with?

Most children grow up with layers of support around them. During our review in 2015 we decided to increase our focus on children facing extreme marginalisation in already poor communities, children whose support and protection has been stripped away, leaving them seriously at risk. Many finding themselves alone, migrating from village to village, town to city, deprived of adult care. In many cases while governments have developed elaborate policies, their implementation is lacking, denying children any state support.

The challenges facing these children are widely documented. Their strengths are not. Hope Uganda (HUG) encourages children to recognise their own strengths and capabilities to overcome the challenges they face.

Our Approach

Hope Uganda's approach relies on first and foremost providing a secure, clean and safe environment to live and sleep in. Our partners, Rainbow Hope Centre staff are committed to child rights and understand the context of children's lives. They share and deliver programmes that change the lives of children for the better. We work with them to secure the appropriate foodstuffs, educational needs and parental care they all lack in. We develop monitoring and reporting systems to support them with education, mentoring, learning and social care and etiquettes. By working with our staff and other local organisations we avoid the potential risk of imposing unsuitable 'outsider' solutions on local issues.

We are engaging with the local school in the education of our children, the local town council in relation to health, welfare and safeguarding of our children and local Police in respect of security issues.

Where do we work?

With millions of children worldwide denied their basic rights, we decided that it was important to continue on from our previous work with the disadvantaged children in Uganda. As a result we choose to work in the same area of Lukaya, Uganda that we are all familiar with and know of the deprivation faced by these children. This area is on the main central African highway which sees a huge number of lorries and people travelling through the area. This has led to high levels of prostitution and the consequences this brings in unwanted children.

Achievements and performance

All of Hope Uganda's work aims to achieve change for children in a number of areas:

1. Children's health and well-being
2. Provision of good, clean and safe managed accommodation
3. Access to quality education

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4. Livelihood options
5. Provide adequate funds to our children for their overall benefit
6. Provide support to our staff in Lukaya, both in financial training, support in regular visits to the centre by trustees and by regular correspondence.

During 2016, Hope Uganda (HUG) was able to provide funds to enable the purchase of an acre of land in Lukaya, Uganda, This land is bought satisfying all the legal requirements of the government of the Republic of Uganda. We achieved this through our Ugandan legal advocates, NAGAWA Associated Advocates.

This enabled the trustees to set up a Ugandan company, Rainbow Hope Centre (RHC), our partners in Uganda who are on the board of this company along with 2 of our Hope Uganda's trustees. (Mr Roy Field and Mr Andrew Reid, HUG Chairman and Treasurer respectively). This gives us an equal say in the direction and development of RHC. The management of the centre is left to the local Ugandan RHC staff.

Using existing funds the trustees were able to fund the building of RHC in constructing a 24 person dormitory building, an office/housemother building, a kitchen/store building, toilet block, bathroom block and a dining hall structure. We have also been able to provide playground equipment in order to give the children some leisure based activity.

Additional to this we have been able to employ on a fulltime basis, four members of staff at RHC, two leaders, one housemother and one night-watchman. Additionally we have been able to give temporary employment to local people in the building phases and assistance in watering the plants/trees and foodstuffs.

We have in essence been able to help financially a total of 25 people, these funds go into the local economy of Lukaya and further the economic wealth of the local townspeople.

The trustees made a decision that RHC should become self-sufficient in providing its own food to a large degree. This project has been set in motion and currently we have been able to create a plantation of bananas, fruit trees and numerous vegetables for consumption.

In December 2016 we saw evidence of this programme in home grown vegetables being used in RHC's feeding programme. Further to this the centre was able to expand the home grown fruit and vegetable programme including been allowed to use some additional land adjacent to the centre for free. The centre now has a 12 month food programme of bananas, mangos, jack fruit, oranges, avocados and pineapples.

Further to this the centre is growing maize, beans, cabbage, kasava, tomatoes, carrots, potatoes, eggplant, marrows, spinach and a number of herbs. Further fruit and vegetables varieties are planned at the end of the current growing season. Further to this the centre now has 22 egg laying chickens and this again has helped to uplift the nutritional food intake giving the children a wider

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and more diverse range of healthy nutritious foodstuffs to help give them a balanced diet and strengthen their respective immune systems.

A by-product of the 'home grown garden' for the children is that it has educated the children in terms of how to look after plants from seedling / planting stage to harvesting stage. It has also educated them in how to look after the produce whilst it is growing, the importance of regular watering of the plants and / or feeding nutrients and pesticides to protect the plants. The children have taken great delight in being involved in every stage of the growing / harvesting process and they have taken their small responsibilities looking after the plants seriously. This is repeated in the care devoted by the children who collect the eggs every morning and have fresh eggs for breakfast and the feeding of the chickens daily. Having individual responsibilities gives each child a sense of belonging and importance in what they are doing is for the collective benefit of others (Their fellow children).

In 2017 a UK based Dental charity, 'DENTAID' with whom HUG has an affiliation to, kindly requested to use RHC for an international project involving the use of fluoride. This project is backed by a large UK based multinational company. Dentaids provide volunteer UK dentists and hygienists who self-fund for 2 weeks each year to Uganda and go into the local communities and target projects like RHC and provide dental care. Ordinarily local Ugandans without reasonable funds would never see a dentist in their lifetime. Dentaids has agreed to look after all our children, staff, families and the wider community up to 60 people at a minimal cost to us. They are seen quarterly and all aspects of dental care is given to hygienist check-up, polishing, fillings and extractions. All the children have benefited from 3 such visits this year so far.

Additionally in late December 2016 all the RHC children were struck down with a variety of ailments including malaria. As a result of this a programme was commenced in respect of paying a retainer to a local nurse who could turn out 24 hours a day to the centre and give appropriate medical care and administer the correct medication/drugs. There is now a fully stocked medical store for most everyday occurrences. This was peer checked by one of our UK volunteers (A retired paediatric nurse) who visited in September this year and as such the centre staff have sufficient instruction/information in order to make informed medical based decisions. Further to this the centre now has a separate first aid room where sick children can be quarantined in order to protect the other children and the infected child can be treated. This room was originally the shower room attached to the side of the large dormitory. This now has a roof, secure door and kitted out with a bed, mattress and sheets as well as the secure medical cabinet with a range of medicines.

It is widely reported in the national and international press about the lack of clean drinking water and we are inundated with national charities advertising for 'water aid charity funds' especially on the African continent.

One issue the centre had was that of safe clean drinking water. In early 2017, the local community borehole water pump ½ mile away from the centre broke and therefore no one was in a position to

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repair it or extract any water from it. As a consequence water had to be brought in from Lukaya village about 2 miles away. This was a considerable task twice a day. As a result dedicated fundraising was organised and in 10 days sufficient funds were raised to have a borehole drilled and water pump at RHC. This has had the knock on effect of been able to have running water to the 2 wash rooms and toilet block. Again from a hygiene perspective this has a positive benefit. A 'knock on' effect is that this borehole is available to the small number of local homes that do not have access to clean drinking/bathing water.

As a result of the water pump the children have clean drinking water and easy access to water the plants in what is for 6 months or more each year a drought ridden area.

Following the substantial building programme undertaken in 2016, during a visit by the Chairman and Treasurer of HUG in March 2017, time was devoted to making out pathways / roadways and grassed/enclosed areas. Building rubble and old bricks were all gathered up and the site made physically safe for the children. This work has carried on in securing off a compound for the chickens .

2017 has seen the expansion of the building works. The centre now has a dedicated Boys dormitory; This new building is able to take a maximum of 12 boys between the ages of 4 and 16 years. The work was undertaken in order to comply with the Lukaya Town Council directives laid down in relation to Safeguarding at children's centres in that the girls and boys are now totally segregated in terms of their respective sleeping arrangements. The Dining Hall was completed in September 2016 and in March 2017 a decision was made to expand the length and width of it. This work was completed in during the visit undertaken by HUGS Chairman and Treasurer this year. The Borehole and water pump were completed in August this year and involved drilling down to a depth of 76 metres to the clean water table.

The dormitory buildings have now been painted inside and out, this in itself has improved the look and standing of them, each is kept clean with the children responsible for collective cleaning duties, again instilling a sense of ownership in the project, self-worth and sense of responsibility. Additionally new signage has been erected identifying RHC and its boundaries in the locality. Additionally fencing and hedging has been put in to further identify the land boundary of RHC.

Solar power and lighting has now been supplied to all the building both inside and out. This has given the added benefit of outside security lighting against any unwanted persons or predators. There has been a change in the night watchman this year but as an added bonus the new watchman is connected to the local police station and as such the local police have agreed to respond as a priority to the children's centre should the need arise. The nearest Police station is only 1 mile away.

RHC saw its' first 10 children enter the centre in August 2016 and complete their first school term (September – December). The results of this are very encouraging. Our aim is to continue to fund the children's' education and to expand the number of children in due course. In July 2017 we were

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able to bring a further 3 orphaned/homeless children aged 4, 5 and 6 years, bringing the current total children at the centre to 13. This we anticipate will rise as we go through 2018.

The children's schooling continues with marked improvements across the age spectrum of the children. They have now been in continuous education for over 1 full year and 1 term. Regular contact with their school, NOVIC Day and Boarding Primary School. This is the most any of the children have undergone in terms of continuous education. One child in particular, Joshua has shone since going to school, he is thriving and he is regularly in the top 5% of his year group.

He has also joined the 'Boy Scouts' based at the school and has been away on scout camps. This opens up a whole new world to children like Joshua and he appreciates that these are opportunities that he would otherwise never realise. So far this year he has been on a week's scout camping in the northern hills of Uganda and in November he went to Tanzania for a scout jamboree. This exposes Joshua to a wider world and other boys from different parts of the African continent.

All 13 children started of the new academic year in September 2017 and in January 2018 Joshua and 2 other children will become full time 'boarders' at NOVIC; they will live at the school and undertake whatever additional schooling, activities and responsibilities they impose. The children will return to RHC at the end of every school term. This additional education will benefit them and hopefully give them a distinct advantage over some of their peers in the years to come.

It is anticipated that as some of the other children get to Joshua's age they also will realise the additional activities they participate in will go a long way to broaden their respective horizons and give them an insight into the wider world outside of their otherwise localised world view.

Additionally during the school holiday periods, Steven HISBORN who was previously a headmaster at a vocational college works with the children in all aspects of their education in order to raise the children's educational baseline as they are effectively playing catch-up with their peer groups in school. HUG is able to provide funds to pay for additional resource books to facilitate the additional 'centre' based schooling outside of term time.

When HUG made the decision back in late 2015 to start up RHC, the trustees posed a number of questions about the short, mid and long term goals of the project. One of these was in relation to what is the youngest age we could reasonably take in, it was agreed that a child aged 4 yrs and over would be admitted. Conversely at what age does that child have to leave the centre. When children reach the age of 16 years they are effectively finished with school unless their family can afford to fund their continued education. Clearly this is not the case with a children's centre.

HUG made the decision that we could not give the children the care, home environment and education and then at 16 years say goodbye to them. HUG will ensure that the children at RHC will continue to fund the children through to 18 years. The only stipulation that they continue with some form of vocational training or stay in education. This way they can attain the age of 18 fully

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educated with a trade under their belt if it is vocational training or if they wish to continue to university or a higher level of education.

With this in mind we set an upper age limit of 11 years for our orphans, thereby giving ourselves 5 years to have the long term plan in place with proper funding allied to it. Additionally, thought was given to the children when they reach 16 years and their accommodation. It has been decided that an additional building will be built that gives them (16 – 18 year olds) a ‘halfway house’ before having to leave RHC permanently. This is necessary with due regard to safeguarding issues that could arise due to the ages of both boys and girls involved.

One of the major issues which face Uganda as a whole is the issue of HIV. As previously stated Lukaya is on the main African intercontinental road which leads to high levels of prostitution in towns and villages along the route. This brings with it high levels of HIV infection and pregnancies. This brings with it unwanted children as a result of the prostitution.

As a result the children at the centre will be given comprehensive education in relation to these issues along with the wider social issues in order to give them the understanding when it comes to choices they may make in later years. This should go some small way to addressing the educational issues around unprotected sex, prostitution and HIV in Uganda and the wider African continent.

In 2015 when HUG was in a state of hiatus, not actively fundraising or supporting the previous project, regular donators were canvassed their views whether they wished to continue to support HUG. A number of these donators decided to withdraw their support. This had the effect of reducing HUG’s regular monthly income from standing order donations to less than £350.00 per month. Since the project at RHC has been brought to life HUG has trebled in effect trebled the amount of monthly standing order donations. This is combined with a number of fundraising events throughout the year.

As a result of having a large sum of monies in the HUG account, the building project of RHC was easily completed. The hardest aspect is the volatile food prices in Uganda. An example of this was in 2016 the rice crop failed due to drought and to political decision making about where rice was allowed to be imported from has meant that the value of rice has effectively doubled in price. Another reason why we commenced the home grown food project. As such the outgoings are now reduced to paying for food, education, crops, chickens and staff wages. Just with the increased regular monthly donations means that HUG is able to comfortably fund these outgoings. Additionally there is a contingency fund to pay for any additional or unforeseen expenditure and is in compliance with the Charity Commission guidelines on having Cash Reserves.

One of the buildings completed was an office building and this has been fully furnished, inside with desks chairs storage including electrical solar power and lighting. Additionally HUG has provided technology in the form of laptop computers, printer, wifi access in order that the staff can operate

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RHC to a high standard and with enabled communications to provide regular information to the HUG trustees. This technology also assists in the up keeping of accurate personal records of the children's' medical, general health and education. As well as maintaining accurate financial records in compliance with the laws of Uganda.

Further to this RHC now have a number of policies in place to cover all aspects of running a children's centre. These include a Safeguarding policy, visitor policy, health and safety policy, accident at work policy and financial administration policy. The staff will in 2018 undertake a number of training courses in relation these policies in order to give them accreditation in the respective policy areas.

Child Sponsorship

The trustees have been able to implement a child sponsorship programme and by the end of December 2017, a large proportion of the children had child sponsors. This is an exciting aspect and by product of our work and enables the charity to raise additional funds. This is managed separately by Susan Field, who has previously undertaken this type of work. Any exchange of information between the sponsor and child is done through the charity. There is no direct contact between either of them. This safeguards our children and also stops any unwarranted requests going to the individual child sponsors.

Communication/Media

The trustees have worked extremely hard over the past 12 months. The Hope Uganda website was completely overhauled and is now a much more up to date and informative website. Upcoming events are advertised on the site and an example of the reach is that for the Summer ball more than 1080 people viewed the images and ad for the event. Similarly the Hope Uganda Facebook site is seeing a lot more hits, views, likes and comments. Images from RHC are regularly uploaded, events are advertised and general information is posted for the benefit of our donors, supporters and the general public. A quarterly newsletter is also compiled and distributed outlining the highlights and achievements of the previous quarterly period and highlighting any forthcoming events.

Rainbow Hope Centre visits

2 trustees made a self funded 10 day long trip to Rainbow Hope Centre in March 2017. They were able convene an RHC Trustees meeting, assist in the extension to the dining centre and also lay the foundations of the new boys dormitory. They also assisted in fencing off a compound for the chicken run and assist in the building of the chicken coup. A lengthy number of achievements; Materials to extend the Dining Hall, Materials to commence the Second (Boys) Dormitory – Up to Floor stage, Solar Panel, lighting and electric sockets to Office & Housemother building, Final playground equipment purchased – Slide, School shoes and sandals purchased for all children, Individual Bibles, dictionaries and school Atlas for each child, Guttering and Water barrels for 3

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building (Rainwater collection for watering of crops), the purchase of large quantity of Ugandan Craft items for resale in the UK.

In September 2017 Chairman Roy field's wife Sue Field took a volunteer group of 10 people from the UK to RHC to give them a 'Ugandan Experience'. This again is something which Sue has experience of. This involved self-funded trip by all volunteers who raised funds in the UK and spent them on small projects at RHC. The main highlights of this trip were the ability to paint the building inside and out. Erect proper signage representing RHC. They spent time with the children both educationally and in leisure thereby opening up the children's range of vision to people from outside of Uganda. The volunteer group brought out masses of good quality clothing for the children including shoes and sandals. Also one of the volunteers, Anne Beard, a retired paediatric nurse updated the centres medical supplies and made an inventory. She also carried out basic medical health checks on all the children.

The group were also able to go out into the local community and meet with them on many occasions. Sue has a wealth of experience and has visited Uganda on numerous occasions previously. In 2014 she led a large volunteer group to a previous project connect to HUG. She has a particular interest in the personal hygiene of females and as such she brought out 'washable ladies sanitary wear' and was able to give talks to local women in relation to these issues in nearby villages. They also visited a local hospital maternity unit and gave donations of babywear and blankets. Again this shows that HUG is engaged in not just the children, their primary concern but also getting involved with the wider community for their greater good.

Vanessa as HUG secretary and Sue both were able to conduct a further RHC trustees meeting whilst at the centre. The group were also able to see a little bit of Uganda, experience the bustling capital, Kampala, take a couple of days on safari at Mburu national park to rest and recharge. This was an extremely successful visit, the group who were a diverse group of individuals gelled into a cohesive unit and they all gained invaluable experience for themselves, the children thoroughly enjoyed the love and friendship extended to them by the group. As an aside the volunteer group have continued to keep in contact and meet up regularly. Also a number of this group have expressed a desire to go back out on the 2018 Volunteer trip as they enjoyed this years' experience so much.

As previously mentioned when the charity sends volunteers or trustees out to Uganda the individuals all self-fund their airfares, hotel, transport and food costs. There are no expense claims and this is something the charity is extremely proud of, 'every penny raised goes to the children' and none is used to pay wages, expenses or travel related items. This has been commented on many times in the past by members of the public who hear only too frequently of high wages/expenses claimed by executives of large national charities.

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Feedback/Performance.

The trustees regularly receive feedback from our staff and supporters in Uganda. Also through regular newsletters sent out we get supportive feedback. People are genuinely interested in what HUG does and amazed at how achievable what we have done is. Lukaya town councillors regularly visit RHC in relation to safeguarding and how RHC looks after the children and the centres' facilities. They are very encouraged and complimentary in what they have seen in relation to the care, health and well-being of the children.

They have also mentioned about the additional income that the centre has provided to local people employed in the building project, additional solar fittings, water borehole, local farmers (payment for manure for crops) or the longer term employment of the current staff. There will be an opportunity to employ additional staff as the number of children coming into the centre increases. The volunteers themselves and their family members have all reported back in a very positive light the organisation, set up of both HUG as a charity and how professional it operates as well as how well RHC operates as a children's centre. The trustees give talks in local churches, schools and with other interested groups in order to raise awareness of the charity and its work. These have always proved popular and lead to additional sources of materials being donated.

One example of this is a ladies group now makes large volume of washable ladies sanitary towels and wash bag packages at no cost to the charity. These are then distributed to some of our children but most go to the wider community in and around Lukaya.

Other locals have made similar comments both in person and on social media sites.

This very positive and supportive feedback is further enhanced by the transparency of trustees in providing detailed information on a regular basis about all aspects of the charity, its goals, how it operates and its longer term aims.

Aspirations for 2018

Plans are already afoot in relation to a number of HUG related activities the charity wishes to undertake. There has been a surprisingly large amount of interest in people wishing to go on a Volunteer Trip. Not only from a number of those who went out on this year's trip but people not associated to the charity or who have heard about what is involved in the undertaking. This is all credit to Sue Field who organises and takes the volunteers out to Uganda over 14 days in July/August.

A charity Curry/quiz evening is being planned for March 2018 as well as a further trip by the Chairman and Treasurer in March/April to visit RHC for 10 days.

The HUG Charity Ball is being planned for the summer of 2018

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Other individual ideas being looked at include kayaking around Anglesey and a sponsored walk of the Yorkshire 3 peaks.

Further Craft Fairs to sell Ugandan craft items

We want to take another look at purchasing adjoining land to expand the crop growing scheme which is proving so successful and also to erect security fencing around the building in order to provide an increased level of safety and security for the children. At present the site is open to all to walk through.

2017 has been for HUG another successful year in terms of our financial stability and the continued increase to our income streams. Year at 2016 gave the charity an annual income of £17,939.50 and this has further increased in 2017 to £25,839.95

Fundraising Events

1. February 2017 – Curry / Quiz evening	£1,288.00
2. July 2017 – Alsager Summer Fair	£103.50
3. July 2017 – Hungerford School bake	£116.00
4. July 2017 – Pete Howard Skydive	£1,268.00
5. July 2017 – John Holford Coast to Coast	£90.00
6. October 2017 – One World Craft Stall	£92.00
7. December 2017 – Alsager Christmas Market	£253.50
8. December 2017 – Holmes Chapel Christmas Market	£185.00

TOTAL : **£3,396.00**

Regular donations in 2016 were averaging £810.00 per month; we have now managed to raise the regular donations up to approximately £1,007.00 per month. This has been achieved by publicising the work of the charity both at events, in person, on social media and with increased voluntary giving

Gift Aid

During 2017 it was established that the gift aid rebate available to collect through charitable donations for the year ending 2015 had not been claimed via HMRC. Further to this the gift aid rebate for the year ending 2016 was claimed, both are detailed below:

• 1 st January – 31 st December 2015 Rebate	£348.25
• 1 st January – 31 st December 2016 Rebate	£2,082.25

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INCOME:

2017

2016

Standing Order donations	£9,659.00		£6,691.50	
Donations	£10,599.45		£7,375.00	
Event Fundraising	£2406.00		£3,337.00	
Craft Stalls	£744.00		£536.00	
Interest	-		-	
Gift Aid (2015 & 2016)	£2,430.50		-	
Totals	£25,839.95		£17,939.50	
Total Income for Year 2017 is more than the total Income for 2016				£7,900.45

EXPENDITURE:

2017

2016

Account/Running Costs	£502.36		£726.14	
Building Costs	£11,530.00		£14,565.00	
Room Hire	£700.00		£800.00	
Craft Stall Hire	£70.00		£70.00	
RHC commitments	£6730.00		£4,025.00	
Legal Fees	£0.00		£1,200.00	
International Bank charges	£190.00		£120.00	
Craft Purchases	£83.97		£307.90	
Totals	£19,806.33		£21,814.04	
Total Expenditure for 2017 is less than total Expenditure for 2016				£2,007.71

The overall result for year ending 2017 is a surplus of £6,033.62

Once again the bulk of the expenditure was in the building project and associated costs. It is envisaged that this will be greatly reduced in 2018 as the main building issue to resolve will be the security fencing.

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Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves

HUG believes that it is right and proper to have in the order of approximately 10 percent of the charities income held in reserve as in accordance with the Charities Commission guidance on financial reserves. This enables the charity to plug any unforeseen gaps in funding or give additional funding where the need arises. So far this has never had to be utilised.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity’s principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

- HUG’s principal sources of income come from primarily, individual monthly donors via standing orders. Additionally there is a comprehensive Child Sponsorship programme where a number of the children are financially sponsored by regular monthly fixed donations. Additional fundraising activities through sponsored events and the selling of Ugandan craft items at events throughout the year.
- Funds are sent every 3 months (in advance) to cover the cost of Schooling, Foodstuffs, charcoal and miscellaneous items. Also wages for all the staff. These funds are what effectively turn the wheels of RHC and without these funds RHC could not operate. There are no outside income streams.
- The charity is only a small entity and by virtue, small in terms of income. The majority of the income is spent in pursuance of housing, feeding and educating the children and as a result there are not sufficient remaining funds to invest.

Other optional information

As the charity income has steadily risen from 2015 (Where we were in a state of hiatus) £8,373.52 to the end of the current financial year 2017 £25,839.95, the availability to increase the number of dependent children has continued to rise, the net result of this is that as we increase our income, the expenditure increases exponentially.

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Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:

Full Name(s): Roy McVey FIELD

Position: Chair

Signature:

Full Name(s): Andrew Stewart REID

Position: Treasurer

Date: 25th January 2018